+ ORDER OF SERVICE +



INVOCATION

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Louis Robert Fanelli

THE CHILDREN SING!

PSALM 107:1-9

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his faithful love endures forever.

² Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that he has redeemed them from the power of the foe ³ and has gathered them from the lands—from the east and the west, from the north and the south.

⁴ Some wandered in the desolate wilderness, finding no way to a city where they could live.
⁵ They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits failed within them.
⁶ Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; he rescued them from their distress.
⁷ He led them by the right path to go to a city where they could live.
⁸ Let them give thanks to the LORD for his faithful love and his wondrous works for all humanity.
⁹ For he has satisfied the thirsty and filled the hungry with good things. (CSB)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 3:16-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

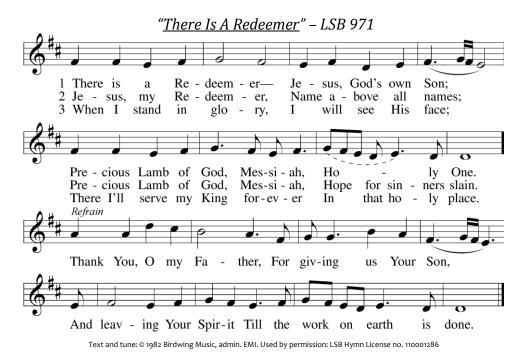
God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (CSB)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE

John 3:16: "God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (CSB)



Words to inspire and encourage this Lenten season:

"Knock. Persevere in knocking, even to the point of rudeness, if that were possible....We must think, with the Gospel: 'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you,' which Jesus then repeats by saying, 'Everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened' (Luke 11:9-10). We must, therefore, pray during the day, pray at night, and pray every time we rise. Even though God seems either not to hear us or even to reject us, we must continually knock, expecting all things from God but nevertheless also acting ourselves. We must not only ask as though God must do everything himself; we must also make our own effort to act according to his will and with the help of his grace, as all things are done with his support. We must never forget that it is always God who provides; to think thus is the very foundation of humility." (Jacques-Benigne Bossuet, 1627 - 1704)

I have often told you, and now say again with tears, that many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction; their god is their stomach; their glory is in their shame; and they are focused on earthly things. Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly wait for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 3:18-20)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty God, we give You thanks for blessing us with various and

unique gifts of the Holy Spirit. Grow us in the knowledge that all we possess is from Your loving hand and give us grace so that we may

honor You with all we own; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

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To God be the glory!

POSTLUDE

Serving in Worship today:

Pastor Klein

Elder: Rolly Geiger

Music associates: Samantha Rose and Kyle Miller

Minister of Music: Kathleen Rose

Evangelism: Winning and keeping souls for Christ!

The word evangelism means *bringing good news*. Evangelism is the way in which the saving words and works of the Lord Jesus are shared with people everywhere and it strives to help everyone grow in faith, hope, and love. This process includes evangelizing both those who are already members of the church, as well as reaching out to those who do not yet know the Lord or who no longer practice their faith.

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.

Proverbs 11:30